MAGNOLIA PIPE LINE COMPANY

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Dear Jim:

Received your letter this A.M. and am very glad to know that you are able to be up and around at least. We heard from Log Burchett's wife's brother, who was one of your comrades on the ship, that you were taken off at sea and put on a hospital ship, but up until now we were never sure just how bad you were hurt and, of course, were very anxious to find out.

I am glad to know that you are able to go to school and make the different gadgets to take up your time. Knowing you as I do, I am sure that you will make the best of what you have to do with. I got in touch with George Brigance and asked him to go to the hospital and see you. He is quite busy now on a pipe line survey for Socony from Paulsboro to Pittsburgh which is going to be quite a pipe line system and he may not be able to get in to see you for a week or so, but I am sure that as soon as possible he will be there and tell you the goings on in that country.

You say you will be discharged in two or three months. Be sure and stop by to see us. Everyone on the line is anxious to see you and shake your hand. You can make a trip with me over the system and see everybody and I will put you on the train at St. Louis to go on home. Mr. True, Mr. Glover and Mr. Gladney have all been inquiring about you and are anxious to see you. All of the fellows on this line are also inquiring about you continuously. There is one sure thing that will make your heart glad to realize the number of real friends you have. You acquired these friends by being the fine fellow and having the willingness to do more than your share both on the job and off the job. You did not say in your letter if there was any possibility of your regaining some of your lost sight. I would appreciate knowing next time you write what the doctors think. No one in this pipe line system has the slightest doubt that you are going to give up, because we know you too well. I am looking forward to seeing you as soon as possible, and while you are convalescing there you might as well occupy one of those pretty Red Cross Nurse girl's time and have her write to us for you.

Best regards and wishes from everyone.

Yours very truly,

From your friend,